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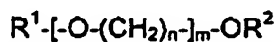
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The present listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A dye composition consisting of:

- (a) 94 to 96 percent by weight of water,
- (b) a tinctorial amount of at least one dye,
- (c) 1 to 2 percent by weight of a carrier represented by the following formula,



wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^1$  are each independently selected from H,  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl, benzyl, benzoyl or phenyl radical,  $n$  is 2 or 3, and  $m$  is 2-35; and

- (d) 3 to 4 percent by weight of a emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of  $C_{14}$ - $C_{18}$  ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxypolyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated, the percents by weight being based on the weight of said dye composition,

wherein said dye composition is prepared by,

- (i) mixing said dye with said carrier and optionally said emulsifier to form a dye-carrier mixture, and
- (ii) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dye composition.

35. (Previously Presented) The dye composition of Claim 34 wherein said dye is a disperse dye.

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36. (Previously Presented) The dye composition of Claim 34 wherein said dye is a water-insoluble dye selected from the group consisting of azo, diphenylamine and anthraquinone compounds.

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